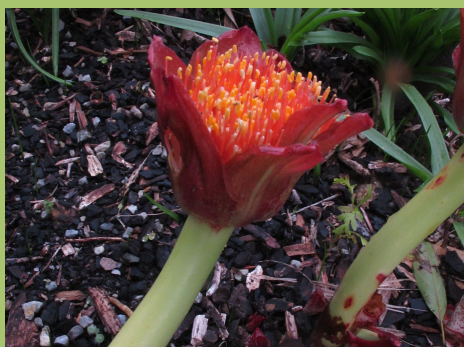


# Garden Highlights, July 2015



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1. In July and August red buds of the **Paint-brush Lily** *Scadoxus puniceus* grow taller and then open to a mass of scarlet and yellow stamens like the hairs of a paint-brush. This member of the Amaryllis family grows along the east of Africa from South Africa to Ethiopia. In Autumn a relative with similar striking red flowers, but different leaves, the Blood Lily *Haemanthus coccineus*, flowers in the 21st Century Garden.

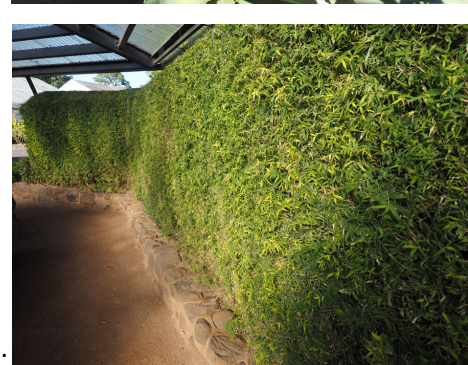
2. **Senna** is a group of plants in the part of the legume (pea) family that (unlike the pea) has petals arranged symmetrically in a circle around the centre of the flower. The European plant *Senna italica* is used in medicines to treat constipation. Behind the Conservatory, there are two subspecies of *Senna artemisioides* (ssp. *filifolia* and *quadifolia*). This species grows in most states, but not Victoria.

3. The **Aloe** group of succulent plants originates from dry areas of Africa and nearby countries. Most produce striking red, orange or yellow, flowers, on a candle-stick in winter. They are members of the **Xanthorrhoea** family like the Grass-tree plants near the main gates. **Grass-trees** also carry their (white or cream) flowers on a tall stem.

4. We probably don't think of grass as a plant suitable for hedging. However, the small **Bamboo** *Bambusa multiplex* is useful for establishing a hedge up to 4 m high in a matter of very few years. This drought resistant plant, from China and several countries to its south, makes an excellent wind-break for the Pelargonium House.



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## What's on in July

Friends **Botanic Art Gallery**, 'Tall trees, tiny trees',  
Saturday and Sunday 4-5 July 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Discovery Walk**, 'Pumpkins, peas or polenta' Sunday  
12 July 2:00 pm. Gold coin donation.

**Walk in Eastern Park**, Saturday 25 July, 1:00 pm.  
Meet and buy soup at Tea House. Gold coin donation.

**Discovery Table**, Sunday 19 July, 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

**Free Guided Walks**, Sundays (except 19 July) 2:00 pm,  
Wednesdays 11:00 am.

See the **Soup Garden** beginning to grow.

The **Tea House** is open every day. Enjoy warming soup.

**Friends' Nursery** is open each Wednesday  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm, and Saturday and Sunday  
25-26 July, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. (See map.)

**School Holiday Program**, Tuesdays 30 June and 7 July,  
Thursdays 2 and 9 July, 10:00 am to 12 noon.  
Booking essential:  
[www.geelongaustralia.com.au/gbg/](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/gbg/)

The **Curiosity Cabinet** is featuring:  
'Bonsai: The ancient art of tiny trees'.

Chat to members of the **Geelong Bonsai Club**,  
GBG Meeting Room, off Holt Road and  
Eastern Park Circuit, Monday 13 July, 7:30pm

# Geelong Botanic Gardens Map



- 1a. Paintbrush Lily *Scadoxus puniceus*
- 1b. Blood Lily *Haemanthus coccineus*
- 2. *Senna artemisioides*
- 3a. *Aloe* sp.
- 3b. Grass-trees *Xanthorrhoea* sp.

- 4. Bamboo *Bambusa multiplex*
- 5. Soup Garden



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